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HE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A TWO MONTHS TRIP TO RUSSIA WITH  
JOHN STEINBECK ..... HIS BOOK "SLIGHTLY OUT OF FOCUS" HAS  
JUST BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE HENRY HOLT COMPANY. - - - HE IS

THE FABULOUS

BOB CAPA

FORMER LIFE PHOTOGRAPHER WHO WORKED ALSO DURING THE WAR FOR COLLIER'S,  
THE SATURDAY EVENING POST AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS WILL TELL SOME OF THE  
INTERESTING THINGS WHICH HAPPENED TO HIM IN THE USSR.

CAPA IS ALSO PART OWNER OF MAGNUM PHOTOS, THE COOPERATIVE PHOTOGRAPHIC  
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PICTURES ON TURKEY WHICH HE RECENTLY MADE FOR THE MARCH OF TIME WILL  
SOON BE RELEASED.

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A QUESTIONNAIRE IS INCLUDED IN THIS BULLETIN MAILING TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT RE-  
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THE HOUSE COMMITTEE URGES YOU TO USE THE CLUBROOMS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND TO BRING YOUR FRIENDS ALONG FOR A LOOK-SEE.

At the meeting of the Board of Governors held on Friday, October 31st, it was decided that a questionnaire should be sent to those who did not fill one out and that the deadline for its return be November 15th.

Joe Phillips, Foreign Editor of Newsweek and Craig Thompson, of Time-Life, reported that the deadline for articles for the book on Russia is November 15th. If any members have specific articles to suggest, please call either of these editors.

Leo Branham held a meeting of the Membership Committee before the cocktail party of the Club on Thursday, October 30th, held in honor of W. E. Woodward, veteran newspaperman and author of "Gift of Life." Present were Bob Strother of Foote, Cone and Belding; Ken Porter; Edwin Stout of Newsweek; and Joe Rosapepe of the Associated Press. If any members wish to submit to the committee names of foreign correspondents who should be members of the club, please call any of the committee members noted.

George Tucker of the Associated Press is critically ill at his home at 204 Hollister Avenue, Rutherford, New Jersey..... Curt Riess is also reported to be in the hospital.. as is Gretta Palmer in Doctor's Hospital.

Jack M. Fleischer, editor of Die Nene Zeitung (Munich, Germany) in the Third Military Government Regiment arrived in the States a few weeks ago. A blessed event is expected within a few weeks. Jack's home is at 2111 N. 24th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Andre Baruch, who has the program "Mr. and Mrs. Music" on station WMCA with his wife, Bee Wayne, has been a commentator in newsreels for the past fifteen years.

Greetings to members from Ralph Forte who is covering Spain from Madrid for the United Press. Friends of Forte's who have just arrived report that he is fine and busy as ever.

"Around the World With Kaltenborn," a pamphlet of excerpts of H. V.'s broadcasts in September 1947, reporting on his 22,000 mile around-the-world tour has just been published as a public service by the Pure Oil Company.

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The Club is making up a table of members to attend the Foreign Press Association dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria on Tuesday, November 11th. If you wish to be at the OPC table, give a ring to the office right away.

Miss Sonia Tomara of the New York Herald Tribune was married to Judge William Clark, of Princeton, N.J., on October Fourth in Paris. The civil ceremony was performed by the Mayor of the 17th arrondissement and the religious ceremony in the Russian Orthodox Church. Sonia was one of the first women to be an accredited correspondent during the war.

The resignation of Ruth Cowan of the Associated Press as a member of the Board of Governors of the Club was accepted by the board at its last meeting. Ruth is busy in Washington as President of the Newspaper Womens' Club there.

Irina Skariatina, associate member of the club and wife of the former Victor Blakeslee, has been very ill at the Bethesda Naval Hospital and will have another operation performed on her hip next week.

Adelaide Kerr of the Associated Press is covering the United Nations for AP Newsfeature .... Serge Fliegers is enroute to the Middle East where he will be the representative there of the United Nations Appeal for Children. He will establish national committees in about twenty countries..... Pauline Frederick, UN correspondent for the American Broadcasting Co. got a star write-up in the current issue of Newsweek as a "Spinster at the News Mike"..... Gordon Fraser covers UN for ABC, with Pauline.

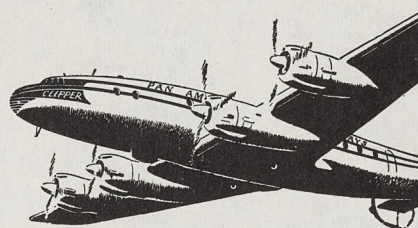
Catherine Coyne, of the Boston Herald, has just completed a two weeks tour of the United States, reporting on the airports of this country. She has been north, south, east and west but does not recommend the quick grind of her just-finished survey.

Paula LeCler, reporter for NANA, who has just returned from a seven months trip of Russian satellite countries (she also spent some time in a NKVD jail as an inmate in Czechoslovakia) reported in the New York Times of October 28th that the former Polish Deputy Premier, Mikolajczyk, expected to be slain before he could escape from Poland.

Russel Hill, speaking at the New York Herald Tribune Forum last week, said, in answer to the chairman of the program, Edward Murrow of CBS, that the term "Iron Curtain" seems to imply that the countries behind it cannot be penetrated by western ideas and culture. Depending upon the country visited, the correspondent finds more or less of this influence remaining, according to Hill.

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Irving Pflaum is the author of the book "Three Months Behind the Iron Curtain" which has been issued by his newspaper, the Chicago Times. Pflaum visited 12 other European countries after covering the Foreign Ministers Conference in 1947. The book is a reprint of Irv's dispatches from Moscow.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED IN THE OPC CLUBROOMS..... COSMOPOLITAN MAGAZINE: THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE: LABOR AND INDUSTRY IN BRITAIN: TIDE MAGAZINE: UNITED NATIONS WORLD: NEWSWEEK: TIME: NEW YORK POST: ETC. ...

According to the feature by Dick Hyman called "It's The Law" appearing in the American Magazine, lions may not be taken into the theatre in Baltimore, Md., according to a city ordinance. (Baltimore members please note)

The November issue of Cosmopolitan features OPC members as follows: A short story, "The Thousand Dollar Bill" by Manuel Komroff. "Life in the U.S.S.A. (Second "S" stands for "Soviet" so read the article to find out why) by Pat Frank.

"The Hand of God" by Eugene Lyons, a real story of real people.

"Those \$9990 Nightmares" by Bill Davidson, on what not to do in buying a house these days.

Bill Davidson also hit Collier's of November First with his article "Labor's Biggest Boss; Robert N. Denham, General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board."

Clifton Daniel continues his thorough reporting of the situation in Palestine for the New York Times. In a recent dispatch he says "land mines used by Arabs and seized by the British are believed to have been smuggled in from Egypt."

Ted Thackrey, editor of the New York Post, has been running the complete documented analysis of "Fascism in Action" which has been prepared by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress and which is an official U.S. survey on Fascism.

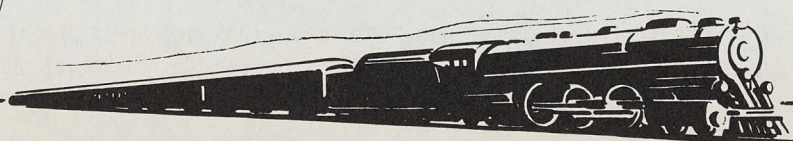
Devere Allen, editor for the past 15 years of the Worldover Press, is now in Geneva, Switzerland--- continuing his coordination of scholarly facts on world affairs.

Tom Johnson's article "How the War's Best-Kept Secret Was Kept", condensed from "Foreign Service" appears in the November issue of Reader's Digest. It tells of how loose talking "blaboteurs" were feared more than enemy spies in our atomic bomb project.

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Burton Crane, in answering (further) Bob Brumby's charges regarding the Tokyo Correspondents Club, writes that the \$25 initiation fee will always be charged in order to defray the heavy cost of running the club in Tokyo (barber shop, laundry, mess, staff, etc.) although it is waived for members of the Shanghai and Manila Clubs. As for the club's being British controlled-- President is George Folster, NBC; Chang Shen Chung, Central China News, v.p.; Ralph Chapman, New York Herald Tribune, v.p.; Hessel Tiltman, London Daily Herald, treasurer.

Crane further reports that the average married man in Tokyo spends \$250 monthly for food and housing alone and that this does not include his club chits. Dick Hughes is the Australian manager of the Tokyo Correspondents Club.

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Wythe Williams introduced his guest at the dinner last week on October 29th, by almost one hundred members and guests..... He was Georges Clemenceau, grand old man of the famous "Tiger" and just arrived in this country. Bob Considine, who is in charge at the moment of this writing, presided.

Glimpsed around were Fred Rosen, director of the Asia Institute; Bernard Musnik, secretary of the Foreign Press Association; Grace Davidson of the Boston Post; Dr. Shiva Rao, editor from India and guest of the Club. Larry LeSueur, UN correspondent of the Columbia Broadcasting Co., interviewed Madame Vija Pandit, head of the Indian delegation to the UN. The procedure of a usual speech to members was completely reversed into an informal press conference where Madame Pandit answered questions from OPC members which they had sent in and which we wanted to hear answered.

Madame Pandit said that she thought that the question of food in the whole world was as important as the food supply in Europe. In India the calory maximum of food per person is 1,000 whereas in Germany it is 1,500 daily.

Mrs. Pandit said that the movement of the Indian population from one part of the country to another was completely unexpected, starting as a result of panic and growing to a total number of from six to eight millions. Handling these masses of people was a great strain on the new government.

Mrs. Pandit said that the Congress party has always worked for the unity of the government of India, whereas the Communists would like to see a loosely knit federation of states.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.



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